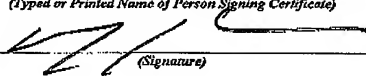
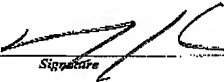


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In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003, please make the following changes and consider the following REMARKS: